of C.I.F. value of more than Rs. 1.50 lakhs are freely importable by all persons without a licence. Separate figures of actual import of Computers by organisations or individulas are not maintained. There is adequate awareness about the use of Computers and users themselves decide about their import requirement. Due to liberalised import regime of Computers, it is not possible to estimate the likely import or expenditure of foreign exchange for the year 1994.

2395. (*Transferred to 22nd December, 1993*).

EXPORT OF DURAM WHEAT AND AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS

2396. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA :
SHRI G. G. SWELL :
SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY :
SHRI SARDA MOHANTY :
SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY :
SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA :

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that high cost variety duram wheat is permitted to be exported;

(b) if so, what are the details about the quantum of export, floor price fixed and other related issues;

(c) whether agricultural exports are going up, if so, give the export figures for last 3 years;

(d) whether Government have taken care to import food grains in case domestic prices of wheat go up due to its export and import affordable varieties of food grains to poor people; and

(e) what if the estimated potential of agricultural exports in coming period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : (a) and (b) Export of duram wheat has recently been allowed subject to MEP of US $ 160 PMT FOB & a ceiling of 3 lakh MT during 1993-94.

(c) Agricultural exports are going up. During 1990-91, 1991-92 and 1992-93, export of agricultural items namely Rice, Wheat Other Cereals, Tobacco, Spices, Cashew, Groundnut, Oilmeals, Sugar and Molasses, Floriculture Products, Processed Fruits and Juices, Misc. Processed items, Meat Preparations, Fruits and Vegetables, tea, coffee, cotton, marine products etc. were to the tune of Rs. 5947.49 crores, Rs. 7665.94 crores and Rs. 8763.04 crores respectively.

(d) It is the policy of the Government to allow the export of items of mass consumption in such a manner that it does not compromise our food security.

(e) The export projections for agro-exports at the end of the Eight Five Year Plan (1992-97) including tea, coffee, coton and marine products is Rs. 12,064 crores at 1991-92 prices.

PROPOSALS FOR ASSISTING TOBACCO FARMERS

2397. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Goverment of Andhra Pradesh have submitted any proposals for assisting tobacco farmers in 1993-94;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to implement suggestions of State Government of Andhra Pradesh to solve problems of tobacco farmers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED : (a) and (b) The State Government had brought to the notice of the Central Government the demand of the

farmers for permiting cultivation of FA| tobacco in the Northern Black Soil & Central Black Soil regions, and for exploring possibilities of exporting tobacco to Russia.

(c) In the view of the purchase commitments given by the tobacco trade, the crop size was reviewed and a crop of 15.18 M. Kgs was authorised afresh in the NBS & CBS regions.

As regards export to Russia, constant efforts are being made by the Government to impress upon the Russian side the need to import from India sensitive agricultural commodities like tobacco on regular basis so as to protect the interest of the farmers.

QUANTITY OF F.C.V. TOBACCO

2398. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI : Will the Miniser of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total quantity of F.C.V. Tobacco, contracted so far, to be exported during the current year;

(b) how much of it has been shipped, so far; and

(c) what is the unit value realisation and what are the corresponding figures of the last three years with details, yearwise and country-wise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Information on total contracted quantity for export is not available.

(b) The quantity shipped during April-October, 1993 is 41,399 tons.

(c) Unit value realisation is given below :—

S. No.	Country	Unit value Rs./Kg.			
		1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94 (April-October
1	2	3	4	5	6
1.	U.K.	42.78	71.69	83.59	78.07
2.	Belgium	35.04	65.56	66.77	58.80
3.	Russia	32.77	39.58	66.24	44.51
4.	Nepal	23.64	43.81	41.51	45.70
5.	France	7.99	9.62	8.51	6.17
6.	Germany	62.68	74.27	77.20	75.22
7.	Czechoslovakia	46.11	70.55	77.12	90.68
8.	Netherlands	38.26	70.89	61.33	71.41
9.	Algeria	..	..	46.55	..
10.	Egypt	29.70	..	70.46	..
11.	U.S.A.	56.66	33.15	6.68	13.20
12.	Poland	38.63	39.50	..	28.46
13.	Bangladesh	42.77	74.77	94.55	104.22
14.	China	51.45	76.65	79.84	..
15.	Srilanka	..	88.28	83.16	80.17
16.	Libya	49.12	69.91	95.02	113.04
17.	Singapore	36.54	81.20	73.03	72.07
18.	Surinam	..	..	86.67	113.98
19.	Newzealand	54.79	99.27	..	99.35